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Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER and REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are: [X] a Preliminary Amendment and Response to a Restriction Requirement with attached sets of claims; [X] a check for a two-month extension fee; and [X] a return postcard, for filing in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

- [X] A fee for additional claims is not required.
[] A fee for additional claims is required. The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXCESS CLAIMS	RATE	FEES DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS	173	360	0	× \$18	= 0.00
INDEPENDENT	4	10	0	× \$80	= 0.00
FIRST INTRODUCTION OF MULT. DEPENDENT CLAIM				+\$280	= 0.00
TOTAL FEES DUE					= 0.00

- [] Small entity status has already been established for Applicant(s) in this case.

PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES

- [] A check including the amount of \$_____ in payment of the fee for additional claims is transmitted herewith.

- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to **Deposit Account No. 50-0268**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

- [X] Extension is requested under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and the following extension fee is applicable for the paper(s) filed herewith: [] \$110.00 for response within first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1);
[X] \$390.00 for response within second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2);
[] \$890.00 for response within third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3);
[] \$1390.00 for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4);
[] \$1890.00 for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(5);
- [X] A check in the amount \$ 390.00 in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith.
(check no. 3482)
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to **Deposit Account No. 50-0268**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Asst. Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date indicated below.

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